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DEPARTMENT AWARDS 44 SCHOOLS WITH GRANTS FOR SCHOOL LUNCH EQUIPMENT

BOISE – The Idaho State Department of Education has awarded nearly \$500,000 in federal stimulus funding to help 44 Idaho schools purchase new school lunch equipment, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced today.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Idaho received \$481,315 to help Idaho schools purchase new school lunch equipment for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The nearly \$500,000 in funding for school lunch equipment will help meet a great need in Idaho schools and districts," Superintendent Luna said. "While we were only able to award grants to 44 schools, we received more than \$3 million in grant applications from 205 schools across the state."

According to federal regulations, the grants were awarded through a competitive application process and schools with 50 percent or more students on free and reduced-price lunch received the highest priority. A selection committee also looked at the level of need, the age and condition of the school's current equipment, and extenuating circumstances such as eliminating safety hazards or replacing deep fat fryers.

The 44 schools receiving the grants will use the funding to purchase various pieces of equipment, such as dishwashers, walk-in freezers, mixers, ovens, refrigerators and sinks.

Here is the list of Idaho schools awarded grants for school lunch equipment:

<u>School</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
American Falls Intermediate School	American Falls School District	\$7,909.98
Bear Lake Middle School	Bear Lake School District	\$10,500.00
Naples Elementary School	Boundary School District	\$4,375.00
Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School	Bruneau Grandview School District	\$15,559.00
Syringa Middle School	Caldwell School District	\$15,531.85
Cambridge Elementary School	Cambridge Joint School District	\$5,366.55
Cascade Schools	Cascade School District	\$6,600.00
Raft River Elementary School	Cassia Joint School District	\$5,995.00
Castlefjord School	Castlefjord Joint School District	\$6,170.00
Compass Public Charter School	Compass Public Charter School	\$3,808.33
Prairie Middle School	Cottonwood Joint School District	\$8,928.33
Council Elementary School	Council School District	\$21,024.00



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Emmett Jr. High School	Emmett Joint School District	\$5,797.46
A.W. Johnson Elementary School	Firth School District	\$12,784.00
Hagerman Elementary School	Hagerman Joint School District	\$9,369.00
Highland School	Highland Joint School District	\$10,780.24
Claire E. Gale Jr. High School	Idaho Falls School District	\$20,883.66
Kamiah Elementary School	Kamiah Joint School District	\$6,949.00
Farmin-Stidwell Elementary School	Lake Pend Oreille School District	\$15,155.00
Kennedy Elementary School	Madison School District	\$21,687.00
Midvale School	Midvale School District	\$2,099.00
Russell School	Moscow School District	\$6,025.00
West Middle School	Nampa School District	\$28,000.00
Notus Elementary School	Notus School District	\$11,258.50
Timberline School	Orofino Joint School District	\$9,892.00
Maxine Johnson Elementary School	Parma School District	\$13,436.35
Plummer Worley Elementary School	Plummer/Worley Joint School District	\$7,659.00
Seltice Elementary School	Post Falls School District	\$9,371.53
Potlatch Jr./Sr. High School	Potlatch School District	\$11,220.00
Richfield School	Richfield School District	\$3,500.00
Rockland Public School	Rockland School District	\$19,450.00
Salmon River Jr./Sr. High School	Salmon River Jt School District	\$25,128.00
Pioneer Middle School	Salmon School District	\$12,014.38
Shoshone Schools	Shoshone Joint School District	\$13,705.00
Soda Springs High School	Soda Springs Joint School District	\$5,141.57
Leadore Schools	South Lemhi School District	\$6,849.00
Heyburn Elementary School	St Maries Joint School District	\$24,264.00
Kershaw Intermediate School	Sugar Salem Joint School District	\$5,600.00
Swan Valley Elementary School	Swan Valley School District	\$13,265.27
Pioneer Elementary School	Weiser School District	\$3,975.00
Priest River High School	West Bonner School District	\$9,319.00
Terreton Elementary School	West Jefferson School District	\$8,693.00
Bovill Elementary School	Whitepine School District	\$5,400.00
Holmes Elementary School	Wilder School District	\$10,876.00

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